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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **FREE MEALS TO CHILDREN AND TEENS BEGINNING WEDNESDAY** **MARCH 25, 2020**

The Community Action Agency of Winnebago and Boone Counties in partnership with YMCA of Rock River Valley, Rockford Housing Authority, Rockford Park District and Lifescape Community Services is delivering meals to several developments and community centers. The COVID-19 shutdown has created barriers for families to access food. Many local students who received their meals at school lost this service when the schools closed. Any child age 2-18 are eligible for meals. Children do not need to be present.

**Beginning on Wednesday March 25, 2020**, Lifescape will begin providing meals on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays to the YMCA and community centers for families in need to Grab N Go at the following locations and times:

YMCA Swedish American Riverfront, 200 Y Blvd. from 11:00-11:40am  
Northwest Community Center, 1325 Johnston Ave. from 12:00-12:40pm  
Salvation Army, 210 Kilburn Ave. from 1:00-1:40pm  
The Grove at New Towne, 690 S. New Town Dr. from 1:20-1:40pm  
Mulford Park Apartments, 444 Gramercy Dr. from 1:50-2:10pm  
Orton Keyes, 633 Ranger Street from 2:30-2:50pm  
Blackhawk Housing Authority, 330 15<sup>th</sup> Ave. from 3:00-3:20pm  
Fairgrounds, 1015 W. Jefferson Street from 3:30-3:50pm  
Ken Rock Community Center, 3218 11<sup>th</sup> Street from 2:00-2:40pm  
Washington Park Community Center, 3617 Delaware Street from 11:00-12:00pm

Meals will be distributed on a first come first serve basis. Each child will be given two lunches and two snacks.

As a reminder, please adhere to social distance guidelines and stay a minimum of six feet apart while standing in line.

The Federal Summer Food Service Program is funded through the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) and administered by the Illinois State Board of Education.

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